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## Rebranding the Educator Update

We are looking for your ideas on how to ensure the educator update is meeting your needs. Please send any ideas you may have on how to strengthen the educator update to better meet your needs to [Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca).

## Learning opportunities for students and teachers

### Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Livestream Opportunity

The Canadian Sports Hall of Fame has invited students to virtually connect and learn from remarkable Hall of Famers. The livestream will be a celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. Students will have the opportunity to celebrate and learn about Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being through a livestreamed educational keynote with Order of Sport Recipient and Hall of Famer [Alwyn Morris](#). To register and gain access to the livestream link, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/574963139227>.

In addition, throughout the months of May and June, they are offering free [Hall of Famers on Tour](#) programs that connect Hall of Famers with students in real-time to share their stories of how they've reached the pinnacle of their careers and are going "beyond their wins" to champion good in the community. To learn more, visit Hall of Fame on Tour – [Beyond the Win Education Programs](#).

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## **Adding tools to the toolbox- Effective Early Reading Instruction**

Primary teachers and early literacy coaches have the incredible opportunity to hear from the most acclaimed experts on early reading instruction.

This summit will support educators to:

- Gain an understanding of foundational early reading skills and how they develop in young children.
- Connect with examples of evidence-based systematic and explicit instructional strategies.
- Hear from other educators on practical teaching and assessment strategies they use to ensure 90%+ children become proficient and fluent readers.

Reserve your spots for this [August 30th Summit](#) before the end of June to take advantage of discounted pricing.

## **Yukon Breeze Sailing Society Pilot Program**

The Yukon Breeze Sailing Society (YBSS) is excited to announce the Yukon's first School Sailing Program. The School Sailing Program will introduce students in grades 5 to 12 to the sport of sailing at YBSS' site on Schwatka Lake. Students will learn to rig a boat as well as the basics of sailing including steering, tacking, getting in and out of irons, heading up, bearing off, and following a windward leeward course. This program aligns with many of the core competencies and outcomes of the grade 5-12 curriculum. Each session is offered over 2 full-days or 4 half-days, for a total of 10 hours of instruction. The cost is \$500 per session. Programming runs from May 29th to June 15th. See <https://www.yukonsailing.com/schoolsailing> for more information and to register.

## **Update on BC Digital Classroom Refresh 2023-2026**

Focused Education has completed the refresh of the BC Digital Classroom [core collection](#) for 2023-2026.

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They have announced the addition of National Film Board (NFB) Campus, bringing greater Canadian and French language content to teachers and students from K-12. Focused ED anticipate savings for many districts and schools who have licensed NFB as an à la carte option prior to this change.

Twigsience/math resource has been integrated into the core collection for use in Grades 6-9.

## Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

### Grade 10 and Grade 12 Literacy Assessments

Please see attached memo's outlining important information for the upcoming graduation assessments. Should you have questions about the assessment or how to support students in preparing for the assessment, please contact

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## Quick Links

- Check [Teams](#) for the PD opportunities
- [First Nation School Board](#)
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)